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TRAVIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4 BUILDING TO BE RE-DEDICATED IN OCT. 19 CEREMONY

The Travis County Precinct 4 building will be re-dedicated in a ceremony on Saturday, October 19. Since 2006, it has been named for former Austin Police Officer Ramiro (Ray) Martinez. In 1966, Martinez was one of the lawmen who responded when a former Marine marksman barricaded himself at top of the University of Texas Tower and shot 45 people, 14 of them fatally. Martinez and others confronted the sniper on the observation deck and shot him dead. For his outstanding heroism that day, Martinez was awarded the Austin Police Department Medal of Valor and named Peace Officer of the Year by the National Police Officers Association.

U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett and Texas Senator Judith Zaffirini will be among the speakers at this month's ceremony to re-dedicate the Ray Martinez building. A newly made plaque will also be unveiled. The program is scheduled to begin at 12:15 PM, with refreshments and music at 11:30 AM. The address is 4011 McKinney Falls Parkway, Austin, Texas 78744

Justice of the Peace Raúl González said, "It's been a privilege to serve in the building named for Officer Martinez, and we are grateful for this opportunity to honor him with this re-dedication ceremony. His bravery, heroism and service are an example to us all."